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If you are interested in serving on an EBSS Committee after ALA Annual in Washington DC, contact Jan Wilson at Midwinter in New Orleans, or e mail jwilson@mail.csp.edu or call 626-284-2777 x 3460. For details, see page 7.

The Midwinter Discussion Group of EBSS meets Sunday AM Jan. 11, 1998. Collaboration with Teaching Faculty will be the topic. For details see schedule page.

New Orleans Gourmet Delight!
EBSS / ACRL Liaison Dinner.
Organized by Leslie Bjorncrantz, ACRL liaison. Leslie and her network of restaurant reviewers will select a fine place for dinner on Sunday, January 11, 1998, 6:00 PM. Place to be arranged; reservations required. Contact Leslie by e mail: l-bjorncrantz@nwu.edu or ☎ 847-491-7602. Watch for announcement on EBSS-L Listserv.

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EBSS Members Share their Expertise with the National Library of Education at Invitational Conference:

Blane Dessy, NLE and Helga Visscher, EBSS

The EBSS Tour of the National Library of Education, which was held at ALA's Midwinter meeting in Washington, DC, in 1997 has brought about sharing of ideas of the ACRL EBSS and recognition for several longtime members of our ALA section. Another tour of the new facilities is planned for the Annual meeting there in June, 1998.

The National Library of Education (NLE) is beginning work on establishing the first United States Education Information Network (USEIN). NLE, a unit of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) of the U.S. Department of Education, is mandated to develop and implement a national network of education information providers that includes libraries, archives, educational institutions and schools, and other information providers (corporations, associations, organization, agencies). This network, called the United States Education Information Network (USEIN) will be a network of active partners, collaborating on providing education information in all formats, to all customers, in all education-related subjects.

NLE is pleased to announce that will have held a two day invitational Kick-Off Conference at Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center in Washington DC, November 13-14, 1997, with approximately seventy key public and private sector participants to plan the initial stages of the network. The purposes of the conference were to discuss the direction and goals of the USEIN, to react to

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National Library of Education - continued

series of commissioned planning papers that identify and analyze key issues, and to begin work on the initial stages of the network. The goal of USEIN is to establish and operate a comprehensive national information partnership in education that serves America's educators, parents, policy makers, and the public in more efficient effective ways than before. Each partner will provide such services and information resources as it agrees to within the overall frameworks set by the USEIN, with the goal being a nationwide information service consisting of a wide variety of referral sources coordinated through NLE. The rules, policies, projects, procedures, protocols, and reference specializations of the members of USEIN would be set by mutual agreement.

The authors and titles of the commissioned planning papers are listed below: The papers will be used to inform and guide discussion at the USEIN Kick-Off Conference. They will be revised after the conference and made available at that time.

Model Organizational Structures and Best Practices for Successful National Collaborative Information Partnerships-- Pat Libutti

Roles, Responsibilities, and Incentives for Potential USEIN Partners -- JoAnn Carr.

Technological Challenges and Opportunities in USEIN Collaboration and Service Delivery - -Donald P. Ely

Access and Equity Issues in Providing Effective Educational Information Services Through USEIN-- John D'Amicantonio.

Developing a Planning and Implementation Model for Bringing USEIN into Operation -- Nancy O'Brien

Preliminary work and questionnaires had been sent over the EBSS List-serv by our EBSS members. Our ALA section can be proud of the national contributions made by our members: primarily by those by Pat, Jo Ann, Nancy, and Don, but also by those who helped give them the data they needed, by indicating preferences, or providing URL's for existing education home pages around the country, so that this new project will really reflect the needs and desires of those who actually do provide the information needs of working educators.

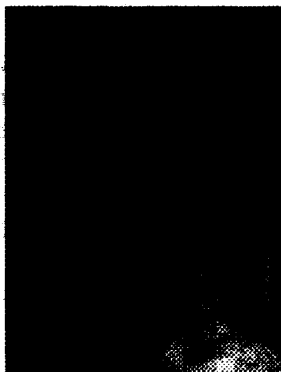
EBSS Web Page Has Moved

Deborah Rollins, EBSS Web Manager

Please update your book marks and / or any links you have made to other web pages. ALA web page folks have been notified, but no word on how quickly the changes will be made for the ACRL page. Any EBSS officers are hereby informed that official EBSS documents can be sent to put up on the site. Committee membership lists, charges that may have changed, as well as the Bylaws should all be included in the Website. Charles Thurston of the Membership & Orientation Committee is also working on updating this information.

If any of you are linking to the list of curriculum guides and lesson plans on the web, that address has also changed, since the University of Maine has recently acquired a new server. The new URL is <http://libraries.maine.edu/umaine/LMC/currguid.htm>.

By the way, does everyone know about ERIC Search Wizard at <http://ericae2.educ.cua.edu/scripts/ewiz/ain2.asp>? It has an ERIC thesaurus integrated with the ERIC search engine. It is an excellent resource for those making remote connections without access to the print Thesaurus.



Nancy P. O'Brien Receives Highest Honor at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco

by Leslie Bjorncrantz

On June 30th, Nancy O'Brien was presented with the 1997 Distinguished Education and Behavioral Science Librarian Award during the Business Meeting held before the ACRL President's program. One of only five ACRL award winners selected to receive an award before an audience of several hundred, Nancy was introduced by Leslie Bjorncrantz, Chair of the EBSS Award committee. EBSS members who attended the ceremony and the EBSS co-sponsored President's Program also could view the section's new banner hanging proudly on the wall of the hall. (See photo) Leslie's remarks reflected Nancy O'Brien's significant accomplishments:

"On behalf of the members of the Education and Behavioral Science Section, I would like to present the 1997 Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award to Nancy P. O'Brien for her numerous accomplishments in service to the section and for her leadership role in the education library community. We recognize her for her prominent career as head of the Education and Social Science Library at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; her fifteen years of dedicated service to the section, including two terms as chair; her publications in the area of education information; her pioneering work in increasing national access to historical curriculum materials and textbooks, and her impact as an esteemed colleague, mentor and advisor within EBSS, the State of Illinois, and Nationally".

Nancy was presented with a framed certificate, and acknowledged the recognition from her peers with the following remarks:

"I am deeply honored by this recognition from my colleagues within behavioral sciences and education librarianship. There are a number of people I would like to thank, and I hope they know how much their support has meant. Receiving this award, particularly at this point in my career is very meaningful, and I look forward to many more years of active service with ACRL. Thank you."

After the applause, Nancy received a "thumbs up" from her colleagues. That evening she was the honored guest at the traditional EBSS dinner. Congratulations, Nancy!

EBSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports: Curriculum Materials Centers/ Problems of Access and Control for Educational Materials (CMC / PACEM)

Lorene Sisson, San Jose State University ,
San Jose, CA

written by Benita Strnad, University of
Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

The CMC/PACEM committee met in San Francisco with the major order of business being the disbanding of the PACEM section of the two committees. PACEM (Problems of Access and Control of Educational Materials) was formed as an ad hoc committee of EBSS with the stated purpose of addressing particular cataloging problems in the area of education materials. With the completion of a written article from the PACEM Committee, the CMC/PACEM committee voted to recommend to EBSS that the PACEM committee be disbanded since the stated duty of that committee had been fulfilled. The CMC Committee then addressed the ongoing work of maintaining and updating the Webliography, and assigned members to do the updating. The committee decided that the focus for the committee in the future would be the development of written national standards for CMCs approved by ALA. This issue has been a concern since the CMC Directories were first compiled.

Committee Reports: Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee

Leslie Bjorncrantz, Northwestern
University, Evanston, IL

This award honors a distinguished academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession. Criteria include service to the organized profession through ACRL/EBSS and related organization, as well as significant library service, research, planning, implementation in academic library programs in education and the behavioral

sciences. Award nomination form is available from the committee chair (847) 491-7601 or E-mail l-bjorn crantz@nwu.edu. Deadline for submission is Dec. 1, 1997.

Committee Reports: EBSS Government Policy Committee

Paul Fehrmann, Kent State University,
Kent Ohio.

At the San Francisco annual meeting the committee continued to consider its charge. Recognizing that possible overlap with other ALA efforts might entail diminished committee role(s) or even terminating the committee, the central issue discussed was the committee charge and what should be done to make recommendations to the EBSS Advisory Council. We considered what other ACRL groups were doing pertaining to related government issues. After considerable discussion, the committee decided to do the following:

- a. Continue to gather information about other government policy monitoring efforts within ALA/ACRL by looking at the ALA handbook for relevant groups and charges.
- b. Send queries to everyone on the EBSS list asking for opinions and/or comments concerning two key components of the Committee's charge. The components are "To monitor federal legislation and other governmental issues of interest to the EBSS Community," and to "report back to the EBSS membership ..." Specifically, via e mail input would be solicited from those on the EBSS listserv the following: 1. What concerns do you have about federal legislation as it pertains to or impacts libraries in Education and the Behavioral Sciences? 2. What other government issues are you concerned about as these pertain to or impact libraries in Education or the Behavioral Sciences?
- c. Use this information to develop recommendations for committee action.

Committee Reports: Instruction for Educators Committee

• Dane Ward, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI

The Instruction for Educators Committee made tremendous progress on its proposed publication *Connections: Ideas for Librarian Faculty Collaboration*.

The Committee, inspired by exciting possibilities reached an agreement on a number of critical points and mapped out a general strategy for proceeding with the project. For instance, the group decided that *Collaborations* would appeal to a broad range of interests and therefore, should focus on the wider field of the social sciences. There will be seven general sections: an overview of the topic; a literature review; a directory of print and electronic resources; "collaborations in the field," (brief summaries and contact information of successful and still to be solicited collaborations); case studies; what works and what doesn't work (an etiquette for collaboration); and a final section on the future of collaboration in the context of technological change. Each of the nine committee members present volunteered to take responsibility for developing and defining one of the sections. Much work on *Collaborations* will occur among members by e mail. Within the next few months, the Committee will submit a proposal to the Publications Committee, as well as a grant request to ACRL. Additionally, the IE Committee has agreed to host the Midwinter Discussion on the topic of librarian-faculty collaboration.

Committee Reports: Membership and Orientation Committee.

Charles Thurston, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

The minutes of the 1997 Midwinter meeting were approved. Charles Thurston announced that the annual conference program did not carry a listing of the EBSS Social Hour because it conflicts with a "no conflict" time slot. Revision of the Manual: Although the May 1997 issue of the EBSS newsletter contained a request for committee chairs to forward any revised charges to the committee, none were received. Charles Thurston will delegate M & O committee members to contact specific EBSS committees before 1998 Midwinter. The Committee also agreed to update other sections of the manual under each committee description, e.g. the "Publications" and "Chairs" sections, for historical usefulness. Revision of the membership brochure: Nancy O'Brien will check on ACRL's funding cycle for applying for monies.

The ACRL Membership Qualitative Research Report was tabled as a discussion item.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

Charles Thurston, University of Texas at San Antonio; San Antonio, TX

The committee reviewed various publications sent to Charles Thurston by Elisa Topper at ACRL as a guide for both the committee and the candidates. The Committee drew up a list of potential candidates for EBSS Vice Chair/ Chair Elect and Member at Large (one vacancy.) The committee discussed the time frame for the search procedure. The officers for EBSS 1997-98 include the following: Vice Chair/Chair elect: Janice M. Wilson; Secretary, Mary M. Gilles; Member-at-Large Beth G. Anderson.

Committee Reports: Psychology / Psychiatry Committee:

Jane McKeever, University of Chicago, IL

Plans were discussed for a tour of the headquarters of the American Psychological Association (APA) during the ALA 1998 Annual Conference. The tour is tentatively set for the morning of Monday, June 29, and will last for two and one half hours. The tour will be limited to 40 participants, with advance registration necessary. Details concerning the tour and registration will be announced later. The arrangements are being coordinated by Donna Pontau of the P / P Committee. (dpontau@email.sjsu.edu).

The committee discussed the direction that the Test Collections project should take, and agreed that a directory of institutions holding tests collections would be a beneficial publication to the membership, as well as to researchers. It is envisioned that the directory will be in electronic form, perhaps an edition in paper. Several members volunteered to work on this project, and the issue was taken to the EBSS Advisory Council Meeting. The project was supported there, and the decision was to form an Ad Hoc Committee to produce the Directory. Nancy O'Brien and Paul Fuhrmann will co chair the Test Directory Ad Hoc Committee.

A major portion of the meeting was spent in a discussion with Wayne Weiten, president of the Society for Teaching of Psychology, concerning areas of mutual interest and possible collaboration, emphasizing activities related to instruction in library use for psychology students. The discussion will continue, and Weiten is recommending that the Society have an appointed liaison to the Psych/Psych Committee who will continue to work with us on the issues.

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EBSS Committee Reports -- continued

Committee Report: Publications & Communications Committee: Barbara Kemp, SUNY Albany, NY

The EBSS Publications Committee had a busy and productive meeting in San Francisco. The Executive Committee approved, with only minor changes, two documents originally drafted by the previous Chair of the Publications Committee, Joan Fiscella. These documents, the *EBSS Homepage Policy* and the *EBSS Homepage Publications Review Policies and Procedures*, now bring EBSS electronic publications into the regular publications process. The Executive Committee also approved changing the name of the Publications Committee to the "Publications and Communications Committee, which reflects the role of maintaining the EBSS section newsletter and homepage and EBSS list serv. The next steps will be to rework the committee charge to reflect these changes.

Committee members also discussed the need to attract volunteers for the committee. Since EBSS committees are very active in publishing, it is sometimes difficult to assign an individual liaison to each committee working on a publication. If you are interested in joining the committee, especially if you have had experience in developing an EBSS publication, please contact Jan Wilson, the Vice Chair / Chair elect, who will be making the new committee appointments.

Committee Reports: Reference Sources and Services Committee

Ann Page Mosby, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

At the San Francisco annual conference the Reference Sources and Services Committee had a productive session working on the publication project which would be addressed to faculty and graduate students in the field of higher education. Time line and goals were set for database searching, drafting and editing a document, and selecting a publication to reach our intended audience.

Committee Reports: Social Work/Social Welfare Committee

Ellie Marsh, University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC

The Social Work/Social Welfare Committee continues to work on its *Information Competencies for*

Social Work Students project. Ellen Gilbert, incoming committee chair, proposed that the committee work with GODORT Education Committee on an ALA conference program for summer 1999. Other possible co-sponsors might be SRRT and PLA. Suggested program focus is information sources for citizen participation, protection, education and advocacy. (This might also be a good topic for an EBSS Section program). The committee reviewed and reaffirmed its charge.

From the Vice Chair / Chair Elect:

Jan Wilson

Picture a large hotel meeting room with groups of librarians gathered around tables (sometimes overflowing), the hum and buzz of ideas and collegiality. This is the image of EBSS at work at Midwinter and Annual meetings. To me, it is the center of the Section's life, where projects are created, satisfying connections made, and talented EBSS committee members share their insights and best practices with each other.

If you are looking for an opportunity for professional development, to have an impact on education and behavioral sciences librarianship, to influence the professional associations of our classroom faculty colleagues, to reach beyond your campus as well as strengthen your campus work, join us as an ebss committee member.

As EBSS vice chair I am responsible for making committee appointments. If you would like to begin serving as a committee member after Annual 1998 (Washington, DC), please let me know. I will be collecting applications and making appointments at Midwinter (New Orleans) and until March, 1998. You can contact me via e mail jwilson@mail.cspp.edu, phone, 626-284-2777 x3460 or mail CSPP-LA 1000 S. Fremont, Alhambra, CA 91803. And if you're already an EBSS Member - THANK YOU!

ALA Midwinter Conference, New Orleans, LA Jan. 9, - Jan. 12, 1998**EBSS Committee Meetings - Tentative Schedule**

Friday, January 9, 1998	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Executive Committee
Saturday, January 10, 1998	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Publications Committee Nominating Committee 1998 New Chair Orientation
	9:30 - 10:00 AM	EBSS Membership Meeting
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Conference Planning DC-1998
Saturday, January 10, 1998,	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Curriculum Materials Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Curriculum Materials Management
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Government Policy Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Instruction for Educators Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Membership & Orientation Comm.
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Psychology / Psychiatry Committee
	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Reference Sources & Services Com
Sunday, January 11, 1998	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	EBSS Advisory Council
Sunday, January 11, 1998	Sponsored by IE. Instruction for Educators Committee. Time TBA	EBSS Midwinter Discussion Group: Collaborations Between Librarians & Teaching Faculty

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